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TO: The Vice President

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FROM: Colonel Burris

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RE: Resolution of the Cuban Problem

The current phase of the Cuban problem has all the earmarks of a long time harangue which is so characteristic of most relationships with the Soviet Union. Good examples are Laos, Korea, Germany, disarmament, etc. No useful purpose can possibly be served by continuing the present discussions interminably in the U.N.

Every effort must be made to conclude the U.N. phase of the Cuban problem as soon as possible and on mutually agreeable terms with the Soviets. If this not be possible, the United States should issue its own declaration terminating, in effect, this phase. The Soviets might be invited to do likewise. Wholly unilateral action on the part of the U.S. should not be excluded.

Further, the U.S. should adopt the policy of gradually, but firmly, excluding the Soviet Union from certain aspects of the Cuban problem. Essentially the USSR must be eliminated as the spokesman for Castro or for Cuban interests in general. It is wholly unrealistic and unacceptable for the Russians to perpetuate themselves in this role. It not only continues their involvement and manipulations unnecessarily, but it adds an image and effectiveness which Castro should be denied. He must be isolated to the maximum degree, and he can be dealt with more effectively. Further, it is unlikely that the U.S. will encounter the awkward situation of bargaining Cuban issues for Communist concessions in other parts of the world.